

Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS ORIGINAL SERIES

JUNE 1996

This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.

Standard Errors

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Sylvia Sajler on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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	Males				Females				Persons			
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,588.7	138.6	8.0	72.3	1,208.0	86.8	6.7	52.3	2,796.8	225.4	7.5	62.1
Sydney Major SR	1,011.9	81.6	7.5	73.6	784.2	50.2	6.0	53.9	1,796.1	131.7	6.8	63.6
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	119.5	8.2	6.4	70.8	94.8	5.6	5.6	58.8	214.3	13.9	6.1	65.0
Inner Sydney SR	72.7	4.3	5.6	70.0	66.1	* 2.7	* 3.9	63.8	138.8	7.0	4.8	67.0
Eastern Suburbs SR	67.5	3.9	5.5	73.2	54.1	3.7	6.5	58.1	121.6	7.7	5.9	65.6
St. George-Sutherland SR	123.3	8.7	6.6	74.1	92.0	5.1	5.2	57.0	215.3	13.7	6.0	65.7
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	72.1	11.8	14.1	67.3	55.0	6.6	10.8	47.7	127.1	18.4	12.7	57.3
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	133.2	15.7	10.5	77.1	85.7	9.1	9.6	48.5	219.0	24.8	10.2	62.7
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	70.9	12.6	15.1	73.6	43.2	5.4	11.1	44.1	114.2	18.0	13.6	59.0
Central Western Sydney SR	55.8	7.5	11.9	65.2	41.0	* 3.2	* 7.2	43.7	96.8	10.7	10.0	54.2
Outer Western Sydney SR	76.6	4.4	5.4	77.9	60.6	* 2.4	* 3.8	56.8	137.2	6.7	4.7	67.0
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	94.5	5.5	5.5	78.8	75.2	5.4	6.7	58.9	169.7	10.9	6.0	68.5
Lower Northern Sydney SR	79.9	* 4.3	* 5.1	76.7	67.4	* 1.5	* 2.2	56.7	147.2	5.8	3.8	66.2
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	67.2	* 2.7	* 3.9	76.2	52.7	* 1.2	* 2.3	53.4	119.9	4.0	3.2	64.3
Northern Beaches SR	59.5	* 1.8	* 3.0	76.0	53.9	* 2.1	* 3.8	54.9	113.4	4.0	3.4	64.2
Gosford-Wyong SR	62.7	7.0	10.0	69.1	51.8	4.1	7.4	51.1	114.6	11.2	8.9	59.7
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	576.9	57.1	9.0	70.1	423.9	36.6	8.0	49.7	1,000.7	93.7	8.6	59.8
Hunter SR	124.9	16.3	11.6	69.1	90.8	10.6	10.5	47.9	215.7	27.0	11.1	58.3
Newcastle SR Sector	106.6	13.5	11.3	67.5	79.6	9.2	10.3	47.3	186.2	22.7	10.9	57.1
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	148.7	12.4	7.7	70.7	111.8	13.3	10.6	51.2	260.5	25.7	9.0	60.6
Illawarra Statistical Region	104.5	9.5	8.4	71.0	70.1	9.8	12.3	48.0	174.6	19.4	10.0	59.3
Wollongong SR Sector	81.4	6.9	7.8	75.0	53.7	5.6	9.4	48.5	135.1	12.5	8.5	61.5
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	87.8	14.9	14.5	61.4	71.3	6.6	8.5	45.2	159.1	21.5	11.9	53.2
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	128.0	6.2	4.6	73.3	95.7	* 3.0	* 3.1	52.9	223.7	9.2	3.9	63.0
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	81.1	6.9	7.9	78.1	51.0	* 3.1	* 5.7	53.4	132.0	10.0	7.0	66.4

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,187.1	101.2	7.9	73.3	895.6	76.7	7.9	53.0	2,082.8	177.8	7.9	62.9
Melbourne Major SR	860.9	71.8	7.7	73.7	659.4	55.1	7.7	53.8	1,520.3	127.0	7.7	63.5
North Western Melbourne SR	70.8	7.4	9.4	76.4	54.2	4.3	7.4	54.1	125.0	11.7	8.6	64.9
Outer Western Melbourne SR	118.7	12.3	9.4	69.7	87.8	10.3	10.5	49.4	206.5	22.6	9.9	59.3
Inner Melbourne SR	52.6	8.6	14.0	69.1	47.3	* 2.7	* 5.5	58.0	100.0	11.3	10.2	63.7
North Eastern Melbourne SR	111.5	14.3	11.3	75.5	79.9	11.1	12.2	51.5	191.4	25.4	11.7	63.1
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	120.9	5.9	4.6	70.6	101.4	4.1	3.9	56.1	222.3	9.9	4.3	63.2
Southern Melbourne SR	97.2	* 3.9	* 3.9	72.5	82.5	* 4.1	* 4.8	54.4	179.7	8.0	4.3	62.9
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	140.6	8.2	5.5	79.9	102.3	6.2	5.7	57.2	242.9	14.4	5.6	68.5
South Eastern Melbourne SR	101.5	6.4	5.9	78.9	71.1	9.3	11.6	57.9	172.6	15.7	8.4	68.4
Mornington Peninsula SR	47.0	4.9	9.5	66.4	32.9	* 2.9	* 8.2	43.4	79.9	7.9	9.0	54.6
Balance of Victoria Major SR	326.2	29.3	8.3	72.2	236.3	21.5	8.3	50.9	562.4	50.9	8.3	61.4
Barwon-Western District SR	97.3	8.1	7.7	76.2	73.2	7.5	9.3	56.9	170.5	15.7	8.4	66.4
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	48.0	* 4.6	* 8.7	72.6	36.6	* 2.9	* 7.3	48.2	84.6	7.5	8.1	59.6
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	60.6	8.8	12.7	69.2	38.1	* 3.2	* 7.8	43.3	98.8	12.0	10.9	56.6
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	65.3	* 4.1	* 5.9	70.7	52.1	* 3.8	* 6.8	54.9	117.5	7.9	6.3	62.7
All Gippsland SR	54.9	* 3.7	* 6.4	70.7	36.2	* 4.0	* 10.0	47.3	91.1	7.8	7.8	58.9
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	882.6	89.4	9.2	75.0	652.7	65.6	9.1	54.5	1,535.3	155.0	9.2	64.7
Brisbane Major SR	402.3	43.9	9.8	76.0	317.0	29.7	8.6	56.8	719.3	73.6	9.3	66.2
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	97.8	8.7	8.2	73.0	79.6	5.0	5.9	55.5	177.4	13.6	7.1	64.1
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	119.3	10.6	8.1	73.6	100.3	7.3	6.8	56.9	219.6	17.9	7.5	65.0
South and East BSD Balance SR	77.9	10.7	12.0	80.9	54.1	7.0	11.5	57.9	131.9	17.7	11.8	69.6
North and West BSD Balance SR	107.3	13.9	11.5	78.3	83.1	10.4	11.2	57.2	190.3	24.4	11.4	67.5
Balance of Queensland Major SR	480.3	45.5	8.7	74.2	335.7	35.9	9.7	52.5	816.0	81.5	9.1	63.3
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	91.6	10.6	10.4	73.6	75.6	7.0	8.5	57.2	167.2	17.6	9.5	65.3
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	59.1	7.9	11.8	66.2	41.5	7.2	14.8	49.8	100.5	15.1	13.1	58.1
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	54.4	9.5	14.8	69.2	37.5	5.2	12.1	47.3	91.9	14.6	13.7	58.3
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	67.2	3.8	5.3	75.7	40.9	4.4	9.7	48.4	108.1	8.2	7.0	62.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	88.9	5.5	5.8	76.8	54.6	5.6	9.3	49.8	143.5	11.1	7.2	63.4
Northern-North West Statistical Region	57.6	4.2	6.7	77.9	41.2	4.1	9.0	52.7	98.8	8.2	7.7	64.8
Far North Statistical Region	61.6	4.1	6.2	81.7	44.5	* 2.4	* 5.2	62.3	106.0	6.5	5.8	72.3

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	369.9	38.1	9.3	70.6	293.6	23.7	7.5	53.0	663.4	61.8	8.5	61.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	266.8	29.8	10.0	69.8	219.8	18.5	7.8	52.9	486.6	48.3	9.0	61.1
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	88.4	8.8	9.1	75.0	71.8	5.1	6.6	55.8	160.2	13.9	8.0	65.1
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	42.9	6.7	13.5	61.3	35.7	3.9	9.8	47.4	78.6	10.6	11.8	54.2
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	52.8	4.3	7.5	65.8	44.0	3.3	6.9	51.0	96.9	7.6	7.2	58.1
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.7	9.9	10.7	72.5	68.2	6.3	8.4	54.8	150.9	16.2	9.7	63.4
Balance of South Australia Major SR	103.0	8.3	7.5	73.1	73.8	5.2	6.6	53.2	176.8	13.5	7.1	63.3
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	41.9	3.9	8.6	72.1	29.4	* 1.9	* 6.2	52.6	71.3	5.9	7.6	62.7
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	61.2	4.4	6.7	73.8	44.4	3.3	6.8	53.7	105.6	7.6	6.8	63.7
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	478.0	40.9	7.9	76.1	356.6	29.6	7.7	56.1	834.6	70.5	7.8	66.0
Perth Major Statistical Region	339.6	32.3	8.7	74.9	263.9	22.2	7.8	55.2	603.5	54.5	8.3	64.9
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	39.0	2.9	6.8	67.0	32.6	2.8	8.0	56.7	71.6	5.7	7.4	61.9
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	54.3	4.5	7.7	75.9	40.5	2.5	5.9	53.0	94.8	7.1	6.9	64.2
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	101.6	13.0	11.3	77.0	77.9	6.2	7.4	53.4	179.5	19.2	9.7	64.9
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	66.2	5.4	7.5	72.0	51.6	5.2	9.1	54.9	117.8	10.6	8.2	63.3
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	78.6	6.6	7.7	78.8	61.4	5.4	8.1	58.8	139.9	12.0	7.9	68.5
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	138.4	8.5	5.8	79.1	92.6	7.4	7.4	58.8	231.0	16.0	6.5	69.4
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	69.6	5.5	7.3	76.2	49.3	3.2	6.1	55.8	118.9	8.7	6.8	66.2
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	68.8	3.1	4.3	82.3	43.3	4.2	8.9	62.4	112.1	7.3	6.1	73.0
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	115.4	15.2	11.6	72.1	85.8	8.5	9.1	50.4	201.2	23.7	10.5	61.1
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	55.6	7.4	11.8	71.0	43.3	4.1	8.6	51.3	98.9	11.5	10.4	60.9
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	46.6	5.6	10.7	70.3	37.5	3.4	8.2	51.9	84.2	9.0	9.6	60.8
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.2	4.3	11.3	74.3	24.8	2.4	8.9	52.2	58.0	6.7	10.3	63.0
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	26.6	3.5	11.6	71.8	17.7	2.1	10.4	46.3	44.3	5.5	11.1	58.9
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	46.4	2.1	4.3	75.8	37.3	1.8	4.5	62.8	83.7	3.9	4.4	69.4
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	83.6	6.7	7.4	79.2	72.8	5.7	7.3	66.2	156.3	12.4	7.3	72.6
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,751.6	432.1	8.3	73.4	3,602.4	298.4	7.7	53.6	8,354.1	730.5	8.0	63.3

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